

Richard J. A. **TALBERT** was born in England in 1947. He was a scholar of The King's School, Canterbury, and of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he gained a Classics 'Double First' (1968) and a PhD (1972) which was the basis of his *Timoleon and the Revival of Greek Sicily* (Cambridge, 1974; reissued 2006). After he moved to teach ancient history at Queen's University, Belfast (1970), his research extended into Roman history and to a landmark study *The Senate of Imperial Rome* (Princeton, 1984; reissued 2008), which won the American Philological Association's Goodwin Award of Merit. He also edited a basic *Atlas of Classical History* (Routledge, 1985), and served as Senior Adviser of Studies in Arts and as Assistant Dean of Theology. He was Herodotus Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (1978-1979). In 1985 he became professor of history at McMaster University (Canada) and then department chair, before moving in 1988 to his present position (now in phased retirement) as William Rand Kenan, Jr., professor of history at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Talbert's current research focuses primarily on Greek and Roman worldview, travel, and mapping. A commission by APA to create a comprehensive classical atlas – the first in over a century – resulted in the *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* (Princeton, 2000; App for iPad 2013), for which he recruited almost 200 scholars and raised over \$4.5 million. He was then able to establish Chapel Hill's Ancient World Mapping Center (awmc.unc.edu), which he oversees. He led its initiatives to secure National Endowment for the Humanities support for the first phase of 'Pleiades' (Pleiades.stoa.org), an ongoing web-based collaborative system to update the atlas, as well as to produce *Wall Maps for the Ancient World* (Routledge, 2011), *Asia Minor in the Second Century C.E.*, and *Maps for Texts* (2017-). Volumes he has (co-)edited include *Space in the Roman World: Its Perception and Presentation* (LIT, 2004); *Oxford Companion to World Exploration* (2007); *Cartography in Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Fresh Perspectives, New Methods* (Brill, 2008); *Geography and Ethnography: Perceptions of the World in Pre-Modern Societies* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010; paperback 2013); *Highways, Byways, and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012); *Ancient Perspectives: Maps and their Place in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome* (Chicago, 2012). His major study *Rome's World: The Peutinger Map Reconsidered* was published by Cambridge U.P. in 2010 (paperback 2014; web component at: www.cambridge.org/us/talbert). In 2017 Oxford U.P. published both his *Roman Portable Sundials: The Empire in Your Hand*, and (co-edited with F. Naiden) *Mercury's Wings: Exploring Modes of Communication in the Ancient World*.

Talbert's Penguin Classic *Plutarch on Sparta* (1988) was expanded in 2005. A joint work with M. Boatwright and D. Gargola, *The Romans: From Village to Empire*, appeared from Oxford in 2004 (expanded 2nd edition with N. Lenski, 2012), abridged as *A Brief History of the Romans* (2006; expanded 2nd edition 2014). Talbert takes the lead in co-editing the UNC Press series *Studies in the History of Greece and Rome*. From 2000 to 2017 he was *American Journal of Philology's* associate editor for ancient history, and co-edited two special issues: *Classical Courts and Courtiers* (2011), and *Moses Finley in America: The Making of an Ancient Historian* (2014). For the fifth edition of the *Oxford Classical Dictionary* in progress, he was area editor for geography (2014-2017) and is now advisory editor. He has served on the Council of the Classical Association of Canada, and as President of the Association of Ancient Historians (1999-2002). He was awarded APA's Medal for Distinguished Service in 1999. He was Resident professor at the American Academy in Rome (1991), and chaired the Advisory Council to its School of Classical Studies (2006-2012). He taught at the University of Alabama in Huntsville as Eminent Scholar in the Humanities (spring 1993), and at Princeton University as visiting professor of Classics (spring 1997). He directed a NEH Institute on the early Roman empire (UNC, 1991), and co-directed (with M. Maas) three NEH Seminars at the American Academy in Rome (2000, 2006, 2012). With Maas he co-directed another NEH Institute *Migration and Empire* (UNC, 2017).

Richard Talbert has held a Guggenheim Fellowship, an American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship, a Harley Research Fellowship, and a Goheen Fellowship at the National Humanities Center. Cambridge conferred on him its Doctorate of Letters (Litt.D., 2003), and he is a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute (DAI, 2005). He organized the 16th series of Nebenzahl Lectures in the History of Cartography at the Newberry Library, Chicago (2007), and was Eitner lecturer at Stanford University (2017). He has been directeur d'études invité at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris (2011), and professeur invité at the Université de Reims (2013). A Festschrift *Aspects of Ancient Institutions and Geography* was presented to him in 2014 (ed. L. Brice and D. Slootjes; Brill).